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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED 15 JULY 2006

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of an Office Action dated 15 July 2006 concerning the patent application cited above. According to the Office Action, the application is deficient in the following respects:

(1) Claims 1, 5, 8-9, 12-15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,494,036 to *Uber et al.*; and

(2) Claims 2-3, 10-11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Uber et al.* in view of U.S. Patent 6,198,285 to *Kormos et al.*

The Examiner noted, however, that claims 6-7 and 17-18, though objected to, would be allowed if rewritten in independent form